

# South Dakota HOGS AND PIGS

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## ***HOG NUMBERS UP 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR***

**SIOUX FALLS, September 24, 1999** --The state's September 1 inventory of all hogs and pigs was 1.37 million head, up 5 percent from a year ago and 3 percent above last quarter, according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service.

Breeding stock totaled 125,000 head, down 4 percent from 1998. This was the smallest September 1 breeding herd recorded since these estimates began in 1963. Market hogs totaled 1,245,000 head, up 6 percent from 1998 and 4 percent above last quarter.

The June through August pig crop was 495,000 head, only 1,000 head below last year. During the quarter 55,000 sows farrowed, down 4 percent from 1998. Pigs per litter averaged 9.0, compared to 8.7 a year earlier. Producers intend to farrow 55,000 sows during September through November 1999, 8 percent below the actual farrowings a year ago. Intentions for December through February 2000 are 55,000 sows, 10 percent above the actual farrowings a year earlier.

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